

REMARKS

Applicants request favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections set forth in the above-mentioned Official Action in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 43, 45, 49, 51, 73, 74, 77, 78, 81, 82, and 84-86 are presented for consideration, of which claims 43, 49, 73, 77, 84, and 85 are independent. Claims 43 and 49 have been amended to clarify features of the subject invention. Support for these changes can be found in the original application, as filed. Accordingly, no new matter has been added.

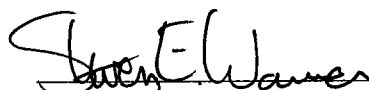
Initially, Applicants note with appreciation the telephonic interview conducted with the Examiner by Applicants' undersigned representative on November 20, 2008. In that interview, the Examiner suggested that at least claims 43 and 49 be amended to clarify the relationship between the modes and the output formats. To expedite allowance of this application, therefore, Applicants have amended claims 43 and 49. Accordingly, for the reasons set forth in the Request for Reconsideration filed October 22, 2008, and the Statement of Substance of Interview on November 20, 2008, Applicants submit that the present invention, as recited in independent claims 43, 49, 73, 77, 84, and 85, is patentably defined over the cited art.

Dependent claims 45, 51, 74, 78, 81, 82, and 86 also should be deemed allowable, in their own right, for defining other patentable features of the present invention in addition to those recited in their respective independent claims. Further individual consideration of these dependent claims is requested.

Applicants submit that the instant application is in condition for allowance. Applicants, therefore, request favorable reconsideration and an early passage to issue.

Applicants' undersigned representative may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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